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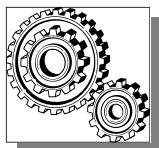
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Spring 2012 event

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

Recently, I read an article by Angela Chagnon in *True North Reports* stating that our Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders wants to pass a national bill entitled “Foundations for Success Act of 2011” (S294), placing all children from infancy to school age in a state – run preschool program that, among its goals, supposedly better educates them toward adulthood and helps eliminate poverty. I shuddered at the thought, and will try to explain why. Bear with me and you will see what is truly happening here. I would like to lay the foundation. In the early 1970’s, a prominent businessman from Morrisville, who was an acquaintance of mine, used to make the statement that Russia would take over the United States without firing a shot. At the time I didn’t really know how this

could happen, but after watching the political and social culture, and reading for the past 40 years, I have come to understand what he meant. Was he predicting the socialism/progressivism that appears to be steadily

tries. Her mission was to let parents know about this course that was being taught in our fifth grade class in Morrisville. The name of the course was Man: A Course of Study (MACOS).

Wikipedia describes:

Man: A Course of Study, usually known by the acronym *MACOS* or *M.A.C.O.S.*, was an American humanities teaching program, popular in America and Britain in the 1970s. It was based upon the theories of Jerome Bruner, particularly his concept of the “spiral curriculum”. This suggested that a concept might be taught repeatedly within a curriculum, but at a number of levels, each level being more complex than the first. The process of repetition would thus enable the child to absorb more complex ideas easily. ...The emphasis of the course was upon

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advancing in Vermont, where the state supposedly takes care of you (and controls you) from cradle to grave? I think so.

Also, in the 1970’s, Norma Gabler, now deceased, from Longview, Texas had been invited to my hometown of Morrisville to talk about a course being taught in schools all over America and in some foreign coun-



“When the freedom they wished for most was freedom from responsibility, then Athens ceased to be free and was never free again.”

Edith Hamilton, Author and Historian

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learning particular skills within the teaching process, not upon the significance of the content. ...The course was much criticized in the United States because of its emphasis upon questioning aspects of life, including belief and morality.

Some of our readers may well remember the controversy of several decades ago. Information about MACOS can currently be found on the Internet. The Morrisville fifth grade was chosen to be taught this course because children at this age were easily influenced. After all, they were taught at home to obey those in authority over them, so of course, this would naturally include teachers.

Various schools were strategically chosen within each of the states for this pilot program. The course sounded harmless enough (yet rather strange) since it was about a supposedly extinct Eskimo tribe, as well as animals and people in different countries. Once my husband and I examined the course, we felt there was a motive for why this course was chosen. We found

teachers had to take a sensitivity training course before they could teach it. Later, I learned that there was a course planned on being taught at a nearby college that dealt with how to handle parents who objected to controversial subjects. When I called the college to find out if this was true, I was told it would only be scheduled if there were enough enrolled, which there weren't, so the class was dropped.



After a group of parents, including me and my husband, reviewed the material (both booklets and videos that made up the course), I was led to read a book entitled The Child Seducers by John Steinbacher, in which he tells of the seduction of minds of young children in the public schools through what they are taught. After

viewing all of the material in this course and reading this book, I came to the conclusion this course was conditioning these children to accept euthanasia and mercy killings. Now, I better understand why a baby in the womb is referred to as a "fetus" and not a "baby". A fetus doesn't seem to carry the same meaning as a baby, so aborting them isn't thought of as killing a baby. The same with mercy killings. In this course children were taught that within this extinct Eskimo tribe, when

one becomes too old and cannot work any longer, they are removed from the tribe and placed on a large piece of floating ice to die. As harsh as this may seem, this is the kind of thinking that was being instilled in the minds of our children, unbeknownst to the children. And this was in the *fifth grade!*

Many of us remember well the hue and cry that was raised by parents in South Burlington when the MACOS curriculum was introduced there. The *Burlington Free Press* was filled with stories of school board meetings attended by upset parents and community members, with opponents and defenders of MACOS engaging in heated public debate. Why did many parents feel this course was not appropriate for their children? Because it introduced children to moral relativism, which has become pervasive in our education and culture today. Can we truly say that Vermont public schools are currently instilling Judeo-Christian values? You decide. Look where Vermont is today. We are the least religious and least prolife state in the nation, as well as the second most liberal. What has happened to Vermont?

I am proud of my Vermont roots, but I am not proud of the road Vermont has taken. It is my desire to see the pendulum swing the other way — to the Vermont so many of us knew from birth.

Marion Clegg attends Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly in Waterbury Center

“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiations and foreign commerce.”

James Madison, 4th President — Federalist No. 45

At a Glance

(Snippets and news, past and present, which might be of particular interest to our Christian readers)

By

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□ President Obama proclaimed “National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month” in June 2011. In honor of the occasion, the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Virginia flew the rainbow “gay pride” flag under the American flag on its corporate flagpole. Fed spokesman Jim Strader stated: “It represents our commitment to diversity and inclusion.”

□ According to recent *Focus on the Family* polling data, 25 million Americans watch pornography online at least casually, the worldwide pornography industry rakes in \$57 billion per year, 89 percent of all pornography originates in the United States, and the average age of first exposure to porn is between 9 and 11 years old.

□ In July 2011, *USA Today* conducted an online poll of Americans asking if they thought the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave **individuals** the right to bear arms. There were 8,723,774 responses! The results: 97 percent voted *yes*, and only 3 percent voted *no* or *undecided*.

□ Former President George H.W. Bush threatened to cut off funds to the U.N. if the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was accepted into the U.N. as a full member in 1989. This threat is what kept the PLO from being recognized as a State and seated in the U.N. General Assembly at that time.

□ The words “Laus Deo” (Glory to God) are engraved at the top of the Washington Monument on the capstone.

□ Each U.S. citizen’s share of our national debt is currently estimated to be about \$129,000. If you

include the debt and all unfunded liabilities, the figure rises to \$500,000.

□ Egalia (equality), a taxpayer-funded genderless preschool, has opened in Sweden. It has banned the use of the words *boy, girl, him, her, his, hers*, etc. Children’s books that portray married heterosexual couples are discouraged, as they perpetuate stereotyped gender roles. Nearly all their children’s books deal with homosexual couples, single parents, or adopted children. Director Lotta Rajalin says that “Egalia places a special emphasis on fostering an environment tolerant of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.” Swedish blogger and opponent Tanja Bergkvist calls Egalia’s social engineering “gender madness”.

□ 70 percent of African-American babies and 41 percent of Caucasian babies are now born out of wedlock. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson’s “War on Poverty” had identified this factor as “a prime sociological indicator for poverty, pathology and prison regardless of race or ethnicity.”

□ The words “Holiness to the Lord” (Exodus 28) are engraved on one of the stone blocks used in the Washington Monument’s staircase.

□ John Bolton, former United States ambassador to the United Nations, stated in a meeting with the editorial board of *The Jerusalem Post* on July 12, 2011, that President Barack Obama was “the most anti-Israel president in the history of the state, without any question.” The video (audio) is posted online on *The Jerusalem*

Post website. I viewed it on July 17, 2011. Many people also feel that former President Jimmy Carter shares that dubious distinction with Obama because of Carter’s writings and worldwide speeches, which are generally anti-Israel.

□ U.S. Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan have both taken public positions that foreign law could be useful in helping to decide cases in the U.S. Supreme Court. This would presumably violate the **U.S. Constitution**, Article VI (the Supremacy Clause) which states that *it*, and U.S. laws passed under *it*, or Treaties duly signed under the authority of the United States (which must not be contrary to the U.S. Constitution), shall be the Supreme Law of the Land, and that all U.S. Judges are bound thereunder. There is no mention of foreign law being allowed.

□ Under Sharia (Islamic law), a man can divorce his wife by simply saying three times in her presence: “I divorce thee, I divorce thee, I divorce thee,” during a period of time known as *Tuhr*. This is but one example of how U.S. laws and the use of foreign laws could collide. Other areas would be free speech, freedom of the press, gun ownership, freedom of religion, and the separation of powers set forth in the U.S. Constitution.

□ North Korea and Iran have been named by the Christian organization **Open Doors** as the worst nations on earth in the area of persecution of Christians. The nations on Open Doors’ Top Ten List of Worst Persecuting Countries are as follows, in numerical

order from first to tenth: North Korea, Iran, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Maldives, Yemen, Iraq, Uzbekistan, and Laos.

□ According to the Fox News Channel, using figures obtained from the U.S. Treasury Department, as of August 4, 2011, the U.S. debt load surpassed 100 percent of our gross domestic product (GDP) after the government’s debt ceiling was lifted --- for the first time since World War II. The debt rose \$238 billion after Congress passed and the president signed legislation allowing the debt-ceiling to be raised. With that authority, our public debt climbed to \$14.58 trillion, putting it just over the \$14.53 trillion GDP.

□ There are 8,274 people in the United States who make ten million dollars a year or more. These range from the mere ten million dollar person to Bill Gates, who is worth 50 billion dollars. The total combined income of all these people is 240 billion dollars. If we taxed them at 100 percent, and took all their income, you could run the U.S. government and its 14 trillion dollar debt for only 18 days. Class warfare and the incessant drumbeat to “tax the rich” (who already pay 70 percent of all taxes in the U.S.) and “make them pay their fair share” will not solve the debt crisis. Scripture says we shall not covet our neighbor’s goods. This line of never-ending propaganda by our politicians is exactly that. Christians must not join this chorus.

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“If the people let the government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny.”

Thomas Jefferson

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead James 2:17

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Film Series on the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism

A film series sponsored by We Stand With Israel will be shown at the Fleming Museum on the University of Vermont campus this fall and winter. All shows will be Sunday evening at 7:00 pm and are free to the public. Dates and films are:

- October 9 Sophie Scholl
November 13 Defiance
January 22 Schindler's List
February 19 The Hiding Place
March 18 Courageous Heart
April 22 History of Anti-Semitism (Lecture)

The film series will be followed by a History of Anti-Semitism in the Church. The lecture will be led by Clint Erb.

We Stand With Israel is the new corporate name for Building Bridges that brought you 'A Night to Honor Israel' and 'Now More than Ever—Israel Needs US'. The name was changed to avoid conflict with other similar sounding organizations.

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Next Meetings September 13, 7:00 pm Roadside Assembly Rutland, Vt. October 18, 7:00 pm Parkinson home Hinesburg, Vt.

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